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For: **Apparatus and Method for
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Enclosed please find the following:

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- an Amendment and Response to Office Action and Restriction Requirement Mailed February 26, 2003 (including attached formal drawings that include Figures 1-47 on drawing sheets 1-15);
- a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to Respond to Office Action Mailed February 26, 2003;
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- a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and attached reference.

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Applicants submit that the Application and all of the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance , and Applicants earnestly seek such full allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this Application, please contact the undersigned. Applicants stand ready to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner to review this Application

if the Examiner believes that such an interview would assist in the advancement of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION and RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Sir:

Applicants file this amendment and response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003 in which Applicants were required to elect one group from each of the three sets of groups outlined in the Office Action to define an elected

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